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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
MENNO KALMANN et al.) Examiner: D. Isabella
Application No.: 08/809,630) Art Unit: 3308
Filed: June 27, 1997) AMENDMENT
For: ASSEMBLY FOR TREATING BLOOD))
VESSELS AND A METHOD)
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 1997, please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-13.

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Please add new claims 14-34 as follows:

-- 14. A method for replacing a section of blood vessel inner layer comprising the steps of:

removing a section of an inner layer of a blood vessel, wherein the removal creates at least one end flap in a remaining blood vessel inner layer;

providing an artificial blood vessel inner layer comprising a supple tubular section having inner and outer surfaces, at least one end section of said tubular section folded

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